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Watermelon feed a longstanding tradition

Cheyanna Colborn

No one is certain what year the watermelon feed began, even the Assistant Dean of the College of Agriculture, Christine Wilson. She estimates that it dates back nearly 50 years. Even without a clear beginning, the annual watermelon feed, which is held on the second Tuesday of every fall semester, has become a back to school staple for the students in the

College of Agriculture. Weber Hall's lawn was the site of last night's event. Nearly 40 agriculture clubs set up information tables to attract students who might enjoy being involved in their clubs and activities. To allow for easy communication, tables were set in two circles in a donut shape: a small circle inclosed by another, creating a path for students to mingle. Members from Alpha Zeta, a national agricultural fraternity, cut and stacked watermelon prior to the start of the event, making it easily accessible and consumable for event-goers.

Years ago, the watermelons were provided directly by Harder Farms, where they were grown, but sadly, years of drought have changed this tradition. The farm no longer donates their homegrown melons, but they continue to sponsor the event's slices through a monetary donation.

Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) was among the organizations re-cruiting members. During the 2012-2013 school year, the group celebrated its tenth year at K-State.

Abigail Stedry, sophomore in animal sciences and industry and pre-vet, was among the representatives for MANRRS. Stedry was accompanied by her two dogs, Hime and Haru. Stedry said Hime attended the watermelon feed with her last year and "fell in love with the watermelon." Now both dogs enjoy the summer fruit. The watermelon eatin' dogs offered Stedry a conversation starter to help raise awareness for MANRRŚ.

"We are trying to create a more diverse workforce in agriculture," Stedry said. "We have had company representatives from Monsanto, Cargill and ConocoPhillips on campus to speak to our members."

Fellow sophomore, Brishna Flores, who is majoring in bakery science and management, attended with Stedry on behalf of MANRRS.

'We are trying to recruit more members outside of minorities and agriculture majors," Flores said. "MANRRS has had students from engineering to business majors attend events. It is a great group for everyone."

Casey Johnson, sophomore in animal sciences and industry and pre-vet, said the numerous guest speakers that MANRRS



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Kate Bormann, 3, watches as Hime (left), and Haru eat watermelon at the College of Agriculture's annual watermelon feed Tuesday at Weber Hall. Hime's owner says she brought her last year and the dog "fell in love with watermelon" and now they get it so often that they know not to eat the rind.

brought in allowed him to communicate with people outside of campus, within the industry.

"The networking and the job prep is very helpful," Johnson said.

Another organization in attendance was the Wheat State Agronomy Club. Though agronomy, a branch of agriculture dealing with field crop production and soil management, may be a foreign concept to most students on campus, the club has over 100 members consistently involved in their activi-

Students from the Sweet Solutions Bakery (K-State Bakery Science Club) had fresh baked cookies to give to students as well. In fact, at the beginning of the event, there were still students back at the bakery creating batches of cookies for both the students at the watermelon feed and their weekly

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Nicole Lane, sophomore in agriculture communications, enjoys fresh watermelon on Tuesday evening during the annual watermelon feed held on Weber's front lawn. The watermelon feed was put on by the College of Agriculture.

Snyder says focus on "mending issues" after opening loss

John Zetmeir staff writer

In the past two seasons, K-State's head football coach Bill Snyder has only lost a total of three regular season games, with only one of those at home. The Wildcats just lost their season opener Friday night against North Dakota State and now look ahead to Louisiana with some solid goals in

"Well, first and foremost, it is about mending our issues, and that is number one — correcting the mistakes that we made and becoming a better football team throughout the course of the week," said Snyder. "As you look at Louisiana-Lafayette, they're a team coming off back-to-back 9-4 records. I was just watching their Florida ballgame last year, and they gave Florida all they wanted late into the fourth quarter when Florida won the ball-

There were a lot of questions going

into the first game, primarily about new quarterback Jake Waters. In his first game as the Wildcat's signal caller, the former junior college All-American completed 21 of his 29 passes for 280. Along with that, Waters threw a pair of touchdown passes and interceptions. Snyder said that, for the most part, he was pleased with the junior's perfor-

However, it was clear that redshirt sophomore Daniel Sams should also see action on the field. In Sams' first play of the game, he was in the end zone for a 17-yard touchdown run. Sams only took two snaps on Friday something Snyder said will not happen

Yes. We certainly, certainly would. He deserves it," Snyder said about Sams receiving more playing time. "He had a great practice last night. You also have to look at the fact Jake [Waters] proved he is a very capable quarter-back and played well during the course of the ballgame. But you have a good athlete like Daniel and you have to find places for him, which we will. And the answer is yes, we have something in

With seven players returning from a very talented 2012 offensive line, the expectations were high for K-State's men up front. In the first game, the front five played what might have been their worst game together as a unit. Junior center B.J Finney said that is something that needs to change for this team to be successful.

This has got to be better," Finney said. "That is the main thing that kept popping up in my head. Throughout the entire offensive line unit, we went through and watched tape, and Coach [Charlie] Dickey was going through thing after thing for each person. We could find it on our own, but Coach Dickey was pointing it out and telling us this has to be better. Overall, we just have to be better."

On the plus side, Snyder said that the team had one of their best practices on Monday since fall camp started.

On Friday, K-State's run game was uncharacteristically bad. For the past two seasons, the run game has been the bread and butter of the Wildcat offense. The team rushed for a total of 41 yards while allowing the Bison to run for 215 yards.

"[North Dakota State] kind of played the way we played and maintained possession and the clock. All of those things kind of enter into the picture. I think we are a better rushing football team than we displayed," said Snyder.

It is easy to get discouraged after a loss. However, both Snyder and Finney mentioned Tuesday that the team looked ready to get back on track during Monday's practice.

"A lot of guys had enthusiasm and spirit," said Finney. "Some of us were pretty angry with the outcome on Friday and we wanted to change that. It definitely showed that people wanted to change and truly want to have something special here."

Hit-and-runs a common fall semester problem

Jon Parton

The start of a new semester brings with it an increase in traffic congestion and accidents, according to the K-State Police Department. In the past two weeks alone, there have been seven reported incidents of hit and run accidents.

Capt. Don Stubbings, of the K-State Police Department, said he sees more hit and run incidents during the start of the fall semester, particularly in the parking lots.

"I think it's consistent from year to year," Stubbings said. "People will accidentally ding a bumper or scratch a car in the parking lot and then drive off without leaving a note.

Drivers must either immediately contact the owner of the vehicle they damaged or leave a note containing personal contact information, according to Kansas state law.

"If you do not leave a note, you are violating the law," Stubbings said. Kansas lawmakers passed a bill

in 2011 that increased the penalty for any driver who leaves the scene of an accident, making it a misdemeanor for non-injury cases. The penalties include fines from \$300-2,500 and possible jail time of up to one year.

Ayrton Weiss, freshman in pre-professional secondary education, said he thinks the penalties are

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International news briefs

Mike Stanton managing editor

Senate Foreign Relations Committee to take up bill authorizing use of force in Syria

According to CNN, the House Foreign Relations Committee will convene Wednesday to vote on a bill authorizing the use of military force in Syria. The bipartisan draft resolution, which comes on the heels of the Obama administration's call to punish Syrian President Bashar al-Assad for conducting illegal gas attacks on his people in August, would limit American involvement to 60 days, with the option for a 30-day ex-

tension. The gas attacks, which the State Department has said were carried out by Assad's regime against rebel forces, are just the latest development in a two-year civil war that has claimed over 100,000 lives to date.

Foreign Relations Chairman Robert Menendez, D-New Jersey, told CNN that the resolution "gives the President the authority he needs to deploy force... while assuring the authorization is narrow in focus and limited in

The bill makes it clear that U.S. troops will not be deployed on the ground in Syria.

Morsi supporters sentenced in ongoing political unrest

Months after former Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi was ousted by the military, scores of his supporters were sentenced to prison terms for their roles in riots in the port city of Suez last month, according to the BBC.

One person received a life sentence, three more were sentenced to 15 years, and more than forty were handed five-year sentences on charges of attacking the army.

State prosecutors announced recently that Morsi would stand trial for inciting murder and violence during his presidency. The ousted Morsi, a member of the Muslim Brotherhood political group, has spent the past two months in detention at an undisclosed location since the coup.





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THE BLOTTER **ARREST REPORTS**

Monday, Sept. 2

Chad Anders Carter, of Fort Riley, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set

Michelle Kim Wade, of Junction City, was booked for misdemeanor assault. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Rolando Santiago Cantu, of the 500 block of Colorado Street, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set

Tuesday, Sept. 3

Terrell Bernard Brooks, of the 2100 block of Walnut Drive, was booked for unlawful possession of hallucinogens. Bond was set at \$1,000.

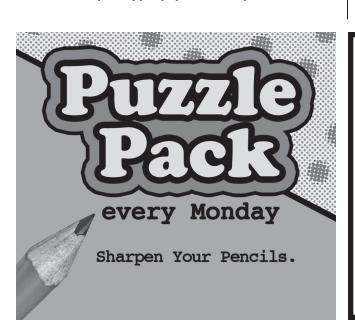
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There goes the season? Really? It was one game and we are all supposed to just hang our hats up and quit? There is plenty of football left to be played.

I can't wait until people start getting in arguments on here. That's the fourum at its finest!

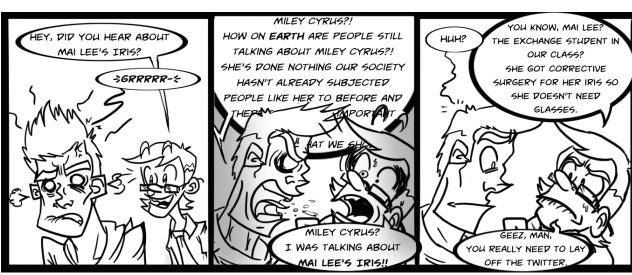
So only four more episodes left of Breaking Bad. What am I to watch after it ends?

People need to stop getting arrested so there's more room in the paper for puzzles.

There are few things I miss about K-State over the summer. For the Win was one of them. I am glad it's back!

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For the Win | By Parker Wilhelm



Doctoral dissertations and defenses

The Graduate School announces the final doctoral dissertation of Anne Rigdon, titled, "Coverage of Biomass for Ethanol Production Impacts Composition, Conversion Yields and Microbial Communities During Storage." It will be held September 12 at 4 p.m. in 204 Shellenberger Hall.

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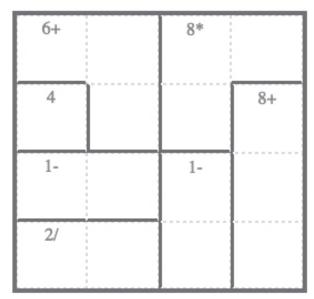


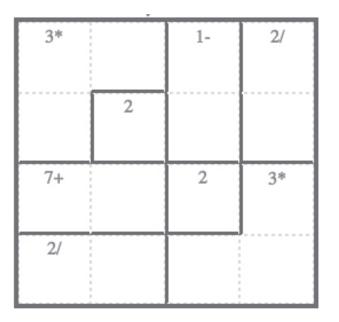
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Loan debt hampers students' stock market success

Nicholas Scherrer staff writer

According to an article published on *foxbusiness.com*, many college students are beginning to feel the compulsive need to start investing money in the stock market. While there's a plethora of reasons to avoid investing without a moderate amount of knowledge in the stock market, one important factor to keep in mind is the impact of student loan debt, as well as interest.

A large percentage of today's college students are carrying around student loan debt. Most of that debt comes in the form of subsidized and unsubsidized federal loans. If you have an unsubsidized loan, this means that from the moment you get your money, the amount you decided to borrow starts to gather interest. Subsidized loans don't gather interest until you graduate or decide to stop your education.

The interest rates on these loans can range from five to seven percent per year, and if you have an outstanding unsubsidized loan, that interest rate is adding up as we speak. According to *studentloans.gov*, most students graduating college within four years while on a typical 10-year loan repayment plan end up paying a whopping 50 percent extra on their loans due to years of accrued interest.

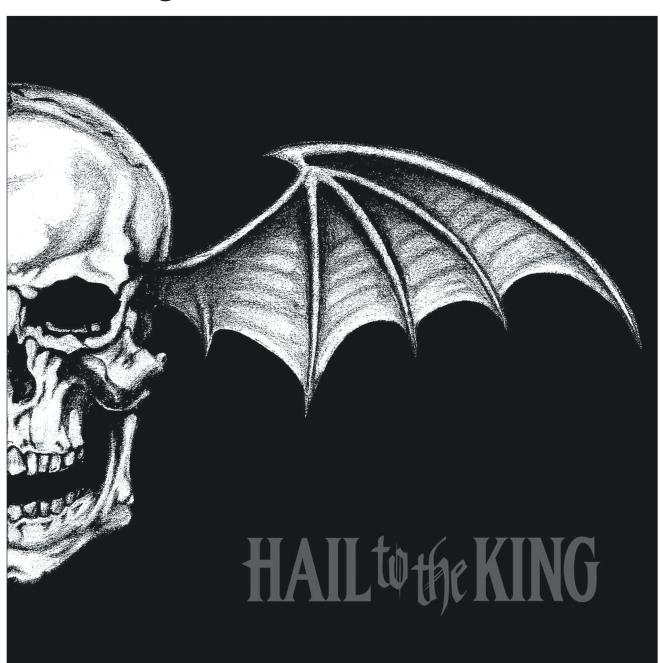
Meanwhile, the stock market fluctuates very greatly each and every year. For example, last year the stock market rose by an average of 12 percent, while in 2011 the growth was only around 2 percent, according to marketwatch.com. On the alternate side, in 2008 there was an average overall decrease of 37 percent due to the financial crisis.

According to Forbes magazine, investment managers on Wall Street tend to make an average return on investment around 6 percent per year. Even if we assume that the average college student could earn the same return on investment as professionals do, they still more than likely won't be able to match the amount of interest being accrued on their student loans, since that rate is higher and keeps growing even after graduation.

Ultimately, this means that unless you are an experienced investor who knows how to beat the odds and make big gains in the stock market while also maintaining an savings account set up for emergencies, investing in the stock market while in debt probably isn't the right choice for you. For that reason alone, if you saved some extra money from your summer job, or got a refund check for your student aid this fall, consider using that money to start paying off your loans. Your checking account will thank you in the long run.



New Avenged Sevenfold album lacks cohesion but succeeds overall



Courtesy Photo

Hail to the King ★★★☆

CD review by Patrick White

"Hail to the King," the new album by Avenged Sevenfold, just became available on iTunes and digital download August 23. While the newest album by the heavy metal band has both good and bad parts, overall the good does outweigh the bad.

"Hail to the King" begins with "Shepard of Fire." It has a slow opening suggesting a churchyard with the bell tolling, along with the crackling of flames. Then the instruments pick up in a similar style to Metallica's music. At five and a half minutes, though, it is unimpressive and too long.

Next up is the title track of the album, "Hail to the King" Like most title tracks, "Hail to the King" delivers. Even though it's only a minute shorter than "Shepard of Fire," the song doesn't drag on. It brings in a lot of medieval imagery, even though the album cover calls to mind He-Man's archenemy, Skeletor, with the skull flying on a bat's wings. The song is actually really good.

"Doing Time" comes with an explicit warning. Since it is the only song on the album to feature it the warning, it seems like it is filler, only existing to get the explicit content sticker slapped on the front. It's difficult to feel the anger in the lyrics or music, so it feels like a waste.

"This Means War" sounds

"This Means War" sounds like an empty wasteland suddenly filled with war drums. It's a nice effect. What the instruments are doing matches the weight of the lyrics, and this is my favorite song on the album.

"Requiem" is an interesting song. Each line has only two or three words. Not only is it different, but it works. Another nice touch is the Latin chants that open and close the song. Fans of zombies and the undead will

like this song.

"Crimson Day" is a break from the typical metal influences. With darkness, swords, crowns, and all-powerful evil forces, "Crimson Day" is a plea for the sun to come up, as if the undead army from Requiem had put that in danger. And of course, putting a nice song in a heavy metal album is a problem, so the next song is "Heretic."

The album finishes with "Coming Home," "Planets," and "Acid Rain." "Coming Home" is aptly named, as it sounds like the album's attempt to build to the end. It stumbles with "Planets," which speaks for itself with the verse "Death's symbolization, left behind!" The concept is cool, but the execution is poor. It seems that the motive for "Planets" was "make bigger things explode." Finally, "Acid Rain" sounds like exactly what its name brings to mind. It sounds like a lament of people who didn't stop climate change; thus everyone gives up and plays in the acid rain. The song ends with the sound of rolling thunder and an eerie reverber-

Overall this is a good album. It doesn't have a theme, however, so the songs don't sound like they belong together at all. Of the album's ten songs, I give a good grade just over half. I would recommend "Hail to the King" "This Means War," "Requiem," then maybe "Coming Home," "Planets" and "Crimson Day." The others are not that good. I give this album 3.5 stars out of five.

Do-it-yourself projects a cheap way to personalize your space

Marissa Haake

Moving into an apartment in Manhattan usually results in students inheriting quite a bit of old and used furniture to toss together for their new homes. However, all of these new-to-you, yet used items may not be the ideal furniture pieces to have on display. Many people take it upon themselves to put their own spin on "grandma's furniture." Ideas for sprucing up your not-so-lovely looking furniture can be found on places like Pinterest and other craft centered websites to help with the "Do It Yourself" initiative.

Based on a compulsive decision to try something new, I picked an old, beaten and clunked-out bookshelf up off the side of the road and decided to fix it up. After some thorough Pinterest perusing, I came across an image of a DIY antique-looking table and decided to try to get that look on my bookshelf.

All it took was a pint of robin egg blue paint, clear wax, and some fine-grained sand paper. I started by sanding down the entire bookshelf until I was pleased with the way it felt when I ran my hand over it. Then, I simply coated the the shelves with the blue paint and literally watched the

paint dry for a little over an hour. Once the paint was dry, I rubbed wax onto the entire shelf and wiped the wax off with a rag immediately after I had applied it. Then, all the instructions said to do was to go ahead and start sanding down the paint until I could see parts of the wood peeking through. Sure enough, it worked.

I antiqued all of the edges of the shelf and some of the flat surfaces. After I was happy with the amount of wood showing through the paint, I did another coat of wax to seal it off and make my bookshelf smooth and soft.

The great thing about this project is that I could not mess it up. If the paint dried badly then I could antique that area and it looked like it was done on purpose. This was a great way to take this old bookshelf and turn it into a more personal piece in my room. It also added some good color to my space and is a great talking point.

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There are many other things you can do to make your furniture pieces even more personal as well. One idea is to cut down some scrapbook paper and use Mod Podge to adhere it to the back of the shelf. Or, if you're in a time crunch and truly have no crafting abilities at all, a can

of spray paint is a great way to transform an old piece of furniture into something to brag about. The one downside to spray paint is that paint runs, and an even coat is hard to obtain.

As far as wall art goes, football posters may not be cutting it for some. There are thousands of websites with ideas for wall decor. One idea that's great for apartments is to take 12 inch by 12 inch cork boards and cover them with different fabrics. I cut fabric to 14 inch by 14 inch squares and hot glued the edges on the back of my cork boards. It was very cheap. These boards are extremely useful because I can change out pictures easily, pin reminders onto my wall, and even hang necklaces from them with tacks. Even better, for all the people with strict landlords, these can be hung up with command strips, so there's no need to worry about putting holes in

These two projects made it easy for me to personalize my space, but there are thousands of other projects online that anybody — crafty or not — could create.

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"Saints Row IV" borrows from previous version, ups the crazy

Saints Row IV

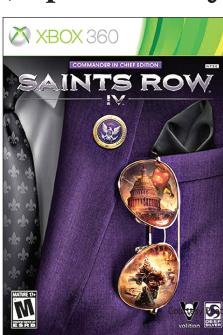
Video game review by Tate Steinlage

Volition and the Saints Row franchise have faced countless naysayers in the past seven years. People have demanded the developer tone down the childish, crude behavior and fan-boys, bellowing that the series will never be as successful as the other popular, openworld, sandbox series "Grand Theft Auto." Their response to criticism has always been the same, though — make the next game bigger, cruder and more absurd. In other words, more Saints Row.

"Saints Row IV" is a testament to this attitude in a game that'll make you wish America were actually run by a president that fights off galactic, alien scum in a panda costume.

Five years after the events of "Saints Row: The Third," you find yourself as the president of the United States, having saved the country from impending doom during a terrorist operations mission. Things seem to be going along smoothly until one of your press conferences is impeded by an alien invasion headed by galactic overload Zinyak of the Zin Empire. Before you know it, you and your entire cabinet are thrown in Zinyak's virtual prison, which ends up being a simulation of the Saints' hometown, Steelport. In this virtual prison, you must not only escape, but also find and rescue the rest of your "homies" in a story that takes place in both the real world and inside the simulation.

From here, things only get more insane. You're granted an array of superpowers to mess around with in the simulation, including the ability to sprint at more than 100 miles per hour and to light enemies on fire with one



touch. These powers fit so seamlessly into the Saints Row formula that you'll question how you ever played a Saints Row game without them. No one power is underdeveloped, nor is there one ability too powerful. The combination will have you toying around with all eight superpowers in combat to cause the most mayhem throughout the dozens of story missions that "Saints Row IV" comes packaged with.

Said missions, while similar in scope to past installments, offer a wider variety of

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Emily DeShazer | Collegian
Junior offensive lineman **B.J. Finney** is
entering his second
year as team captain

and his third year as the starting center for the Wildcats.



B.J. FINNEY

Sean Frye sports editor

J. Finney's journey hasn't been an easy one. He's paid his dues, both literally and metaphorically, to be a member of the Wildcats, as most of the "big uglies" do. But for Finney, an Andale, Kan. native, his journey has taken him to success both on and off the field.

Rated as just a two-star offensive lineman by Rivals out of high school, expectations for Finney weren't particularly high when he arrived in Manhattan in 2010.

Yet right away he made an impact as during his redshirt year in 2010. He won the K-State

Wildcats Red Raider Award, given to the top performer on the scout team each season. Then, in 2011 as a redshirt freshman, Finney started on the offensive line in the season opener against Eastern Ken-

tucky, which the Wildcats won 10-7 on a late touchdown pass from Collin Klein to Chris Harper.

Since then, Finney hasn't lost his starting spot on the line and he's developed into one of the country's most highly-regarded centers. He's twice been placed on

ing spot on the line and he's developed into one of the country's most highly-regarded centers. He's twice been placed on the Rimington Trophy preseason watch list, the award annually given to the nation's best center, and is in his second season as a team captain.

"Now, in the role that I'm in, I'm just trying to get guys to work hard and show them that I truly care and that there's a reason they've put me here."

B.J. Finney Offensive lineman, K-State football

"It's been a true blessing and a huge honor to come in as a walk-on and then turn around and be elected a player rep," Finney said.

Finney was originally committed to joining the Ohio Bobcats out of high school and was ready to sign his letter of intent before the Bobcats informed Finney that someone else had taken his spot, leaving him virtually out of options.

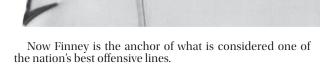
Thus, instead of accepting a scholarship to Pittsburg State to play football, Finney accepted an invitation to walk-on to K-State.

"[K-State] was always really high up on the list," Finney said back in 2011. "But when they didn't make an offer at first, I started to look at other places. Then they called me back mid-January and wanted me to come up for a visit. I came up and had a wonderful time with the starting offensive line and the coaches, and I committed on the spot."

It was just this past offseason that Finney was put on scholarship by Bill Snyder.

Finney also had a scholarship offer for wrestling coming out of high school after lettering in it for four years. It was that experience that Finney says helped him develop into a quality center

Wrestling obviously helped with football because being a big guy," Finney said in 2011. "Being able to be torqued and twisted and being able to move like that helps a lot."



But his unit struggled in the season opener against North Dakota State. In the 24-21 upset loss, the Wildcats gained just 41 yards rushing on 23 carries, not even a two-yard per carry average.

Now Finney is being looked upon by the team to fix the problem and get the line together for Saturday's game against the Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns.

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"There are a lot of things that need to be corrected, and a lot of it is fundamentals," Finney said. "It is about getting back to being a tough and physical line, which we need to be against Louisiana because they have big and physical defensive linemen."

Finney is certainly a leader on the offense. Junior wide receiver Tyler Lockett, one of the stars on the team, saids that with Collin Klein gone from the team, guys like Finney are

being looked at as the guys to fill in the holes from a leadership perspective.

"People like Ty Zimmerman, Tramaine Thompson and B.J. Finney, and just a lot of other people are going to have to take over that leadership role," Lockett said.

Snyder said at Big 12 media days that Finney is just one of many quality people on the offensive line that can bring experience and leadership to the team, which is needed now

perience and leadership to the team, which is needed now more than ever since Finney arrived on campus. "I think we've got good young people in those positions who are very team oriented, very unselfish, and that means an awful lot at that position, or those positions," Snyder said.

In the end, Finney just wants to prove to himself and to

his team that he deserves to be where's he's at.

"Now, in the role that I'm in, I'm just trying to get guys to work hard and show them that I truly care and that there's a reason they've put me here," Finney said.

FCS schools prove tough challengers, should not be overlooked



John Zetmeir

It is a popular trend for FBS (Division 1) schools to schedule teams from the FCS (Division 1-AA) as a tune up game. However, with the growth of college football and the FCS, wins are not coming as easily as teams might have predicted when they scheduled these opponents.

Over the last weekend, seven FBS schools found themselves upset by an opponent that they paid to come play them. The two headliners were No. 25 Oregon State and K-State.

The Oregon State Beavers were outgunned by Eastern Washington as they fell to the Eagles 49-46. The Eagles' sophomore quarterback Vernon Adams put up video game numbers, tallying 518 total yards, including six total touchdowns.

The other headlining win for an FCS team was No. 1 ranked North Dakota State knocking off the defending Big 12 champion K-State Wildcats. The Wildcats had not lost a home game since 2011 and that was to No. 9 Oklahoma.

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The Bison are coming off of back-to-back national championship seasons at the FCS level, but after the game, starting quarterback senior Brock Jensen said the win over K-State was the biggest win in program history. This shows how players at the FCS still view the gap between the two

divisions.

"I think all the FCS head coaches and programs, we believe we play real quality football," said North Dakota State head coach Craig Bohl. "And there's somewhat of a movement or thought that college football needs to be more exclusive, with these hard-line divisions. We as FCS coaches, we don't necessarily think that's good for college football."

The Bison have now defeated their last four FBS opponents.

Other FBS teams to fall over the weekend included Iowa State to in-state foe Northern Iowa, and Connecticut to

Towson.

"They've been playing that way for years," said Oregon State coach Mike Riley to USA Today. "On a given Saturday, they can win a game like Eastern [Washington] did, like North Dakota State did, because frankly, they're well-

coached."
West Virginia escaped the trend with a victory over William & Mary over the weekend. Had the Mountaineers lost, the FCS would have been 3-1 over the Big 12 on the weekend.

Another factor that makes losing to a FCS team harsh is that the FBS team pays to play the FCS opponent. According to Forbes.com, the seven FCS schools received a combined \$2.4 million for upsetting FBS schools. The richest collector was Eastern Washington, who received \$450,000.

The idea behind paying FCS schools is to entice them into playing while making sure the school can still benefit if the score gets ugly for the smaller opponent. With bigger FCS schools becoming more com-



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Junior wide receiver **Tyler Lockett** rushes to tackle North Dakota State corner back **Marcus Williams** during the Wildcats' season opener on Aug. 30. Lockett caught the first of two interceptions thrown by junior quarterback Jake Waters during the second quarter of the game. The Wildcats lost to the North Dakota State Bison 21-24.

petitive, it has become popular for teams to make that jump up to the FBS level. For the two time defending champion North Dakota State Bison, taking that leap up into the

FBS is not in the near future.
"We don't fault any program that wants to reclassify," said
Bohl to USA Today. "It's an institutional decision. I do think it's unfair when some stu-

dent-athletes are not given an opportunity to be competitive. Football program's like moving an army. This is a whole, whole process. I think administrators really need to look and say, 'Are we being fair to our players?"

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WMELON I **Event helps** clubs recruit

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bake sale.

The College of Agriculture's Student Council organized the event. Public Relations Director for the council, Briana Jacobus, sophomore in agriculture communications and journalism, said that the event offered an opportunity for students, specifically freshmen and transfer students,

to find their place within the college.
"Every ag club has a booth," Jacobus said. "Every major [within the College of Agriculture] has their own club, but there is also a broad range of other clubs to help students get involved."

In addition to her position on the Ag Student Council, Jacobus is also involved in the ambassador program for the college and Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow.

Both Jacobus and Jordan Hildebrand, President of Ag Council, last year's Public Relations Director and senior in agriculture communication and journalism, said that they were working to improve the organization's exposure through social media outlets. The Ag Council has both a

Facebook page and Twitter.

"We [the council] are working closely with the College of Ag to get word out," Hildebrand said. "Developing a communication strategy to draw in agriculture students, especially our target audience of freshmen and transfers.

John Floros, Dean of the College of Agriculture and director of K-State Research and Extension, opened the event with a welcome speech stating, "It is a great time to be a Wildcat, and it is a great time to be a College of Agriculture student."

SAINTS | Game brings in character options, humor

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gameplay, thanks to the game's excellent subplot of rescuing the other Saints before taking down the Zin Empire. These missions are set around entering each member's most horrific dream and pulling them out of it and into the real world.

The real success of this setup comes from its zany combat sequences. Before the credits roll, you'll come across an old-school side-scrolling mission, a comical boxing match between a statue and a Saints soda can and even a sequence of stealth gameplay. Though you're still primarily out to shoot anything that moves, these narrative exploits provide a breath of fresh air throughout the main campaign.

Subtle improvements in "Saints Row IV" include more customizable options for characters and their arsenal of weapons. Do you want your character to be fat with pigtails in a biker jacket and skirt? Go right ahead. Rather have your automatic rifle look like a rubber band gun? More power to you. Volition has also overhauled and added more side challenges to explore and to earn money to spend at stores that you can hack into and make your own. These options aren't necessarily groundbreaking, but they're what make "Saints Row IV" such a joy to play. There are laughs to be found even in the nooks and crannies of the game, and you can spend hours before this experience ever becomes

Nevertheless, "Saints Row IV" isn't without its faults. Eight years

into this console generation, one would expect games to be pushing the graphical boundaries of the current machines, and in fact, most titles have been. "Saints Row IV" isn't one of them. In fact, you might have trouble distinguishing "Saints Row IV" from its predecessor. Of course, the series has never been about popping visuals or realistic textures, but I'd like to see Volition press the issue to make the game's visuals more than just mere, colorful explosions. Í also encountered a number of tiny technical hiccups, especially when the madness on screen was intensifying. The issue wasn't sustained or an extreme annoyance, but you will notice it from time to time.

When all is said and done, though, Volition did what I thought was not possible: they made "Saints Row IV" crazier and more amusing to play through. I give this game a strong four out of five stars. There were literally times when I had to set my controller down because I was laughing too hard to continue. These moments can be indirect at times, like a one-liner spewed out by a comrade, or much larger. For example, there is a dubstep gun that shoots ammo out to the music's beat and makes everyone and everything (i.e. cars and lights) dance along. "Saints Row IV"s biggest asset is recognizing its identity and cranking it up to 11, which is why players will be playing this game for months to

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Stubbings said. "People are worried

about damages, but that's what insurance is for."

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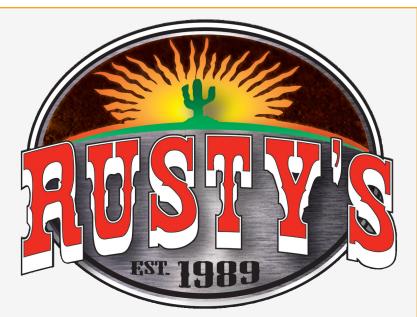
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